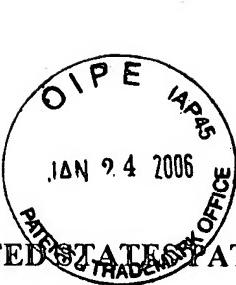


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 49745  
Mariana rodica MUNTEANU, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2557  
Application No.: 10/827,421 : Group Art Unit: 1773  
Filed: April 20, 2004 : Examiner: Rickman, Holly C.  
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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA WITH Cu-CONTAINING MAGNETIC LAYERS

STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The above-referenced application was filed on April 20, 2004. Since more than one year and nine months have elapsed since that date, and no Action to said application has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before May 18, 2004 in the above-assigned Group Art Unit should have received an Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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